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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE, AND LISTING OF ALL CLAIMS WITH PROPER IDENTIFIERS

 (Currently amended) A traction drive system in a vehicle with an electric or diesel-electric drive, <u>said vehicle representing a system ground potential</u>, the drive system comprising:

a housing capacitively coupled to ground potential;

a traction motor received in the housing, said traction motor comprising a rotor shaft connected to ground potential via a drive gear and capacitively coupled to the housing, and a stator capacitively coupled to the housing and to ground potential; and

at least one grounding capacitor <u>connected between the housing and</u> <u>ground potential</u> [[for grounding the traction motor]].

- 2. (Previously presented) The traction drive system of claim 1, further comprising an electronic power actuating element for supply of power to the traction motor.
- (Withdrawn) The traction drive system of claim 1, further comprising a rotational speed sensor for realizing a grounding connection between the housing and a vehicle ground.
- 4. (Withdrawn) The traction drive system of claim 1, further comprising a power cable for supply of power, and a shielding on the power cable for realizing a grounding connection between the housing and a vehicle ground.
- (Previously presented) The traction drive system claim 1, further comprising a converter for realizing a grounding connection between the housing and a vehicle ground.

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- 6. (Withdrawn) The traction drive system of claim 5, further comprising a power cable for supply of power, wherein the grounding connection is realized via a separate line in the power supply cable.
- 7. (Previously presented) The traction drive system claim 1, further comprising a motor shaft operated by the traction motor, and a bearing for support of the motor shaft, wherein the grounding capacitor monitors an electrical voltage across the bearing to generate a measured variable of an operative grounding connection.
- 8. (Withdrawn) The traction drive system of claim 5, further comprising a power cable for supply of power, and a shielding on the power cable, wherein the grounding connection is realized via the shielding of the power cable.